



Exterior S. W. Copeland's Store.

### S. W. COPELAND.

One of the Largest General Merchandise Enterprises of Ehrhardt.

The name of S. W. Copeland has been linked with the affairs of Ehrhardt for ten years as a business enterprise. His business career dates back to 1908 when he first opened business in the town and began in a small way to sell merchandise. He enlarged from time to time until to-

and farm machinery of all kinds is carried in this department. The dry goods side is also stocked full of seasonable merchandise. The grocery department is kept to the top notch with staple and fancy groceries, and your business is catered to with the one big idea of making a lasting customer of the store. Mr. Copeland is one of Ehrhardt's leading business men. He is president of the Farmers & Merchants Bank and director in several other business enterprises, a large farmer and



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### FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK.

A Strong and Progressive Banking Institution of This County.

The Farmers & Merchants Bank, of Ehrhardt, like her other business enterprises, is noted for its sound, yet conservative, management, and commands the entire confidence of the business men and capitalists. One of the popular institutions of the county is the Farmers & Merchants Bank, which was organized in 1908. The executive officers are: S. W. Copeland, president; J. H. Roberts, M. D., vice president; W. Max Walker, cashier; Sam Mace, C. B. Fox, assistant cashiers. The board of directors is as follows: D. M. Smith, D. P. Smith, J. Wms. Carter, J. H. A. Carter, S. W. Copeland, J. H. Roberts, M. D., G. B. Clayton, J. E. McMillan,

H. Karesh, W. Max Walker, J. O. Barnes.

All of these are good straight business men whose names rank high as to standing and ability. The bank's president, S. W. Copeland, has had business experience and success which makes him well fitted to serve the bank as its chief executive officer, and the institution is proud to have him connected with it. Mr. Copeland is at the head of several business institutions besides owning and operating a large plantation in this section.

The cashier, Mr. W. Max Walker, needs no special introduction to the people. His record as a banker has been one of success and his pleasing personality together with the courtesy accorded all customers of the bank has characterized this bank as a pleasant place to do business. The bank stands ready to render assistance to those in need upon a sound business basis.



Interior J. M. Kirkland's Store.

### J. M. KIRKLAND.

One of the Largest Merchants and Cotton Buyers of Ehrhardt.

The business of J. M. Kirkland & Co. was established in 1913 and was operated under that name until 1917 when Mr. Kirkland bought the entire interest of the business and since that time has been proprietor of the business now known in Ehrhardt as J. M. Kirkland. The store carries a general line of merchandise, farming implements, hardware, furniture, coffins and caskets, as well as groceries and other farm supplies.

Mr. Kirkland is a native of this section, having been raised about 12 miles from Ehrhardt in the Buford Bridge section, where he resided until he moved to Ehrhardt in 1910, to homeseekers in his midst.

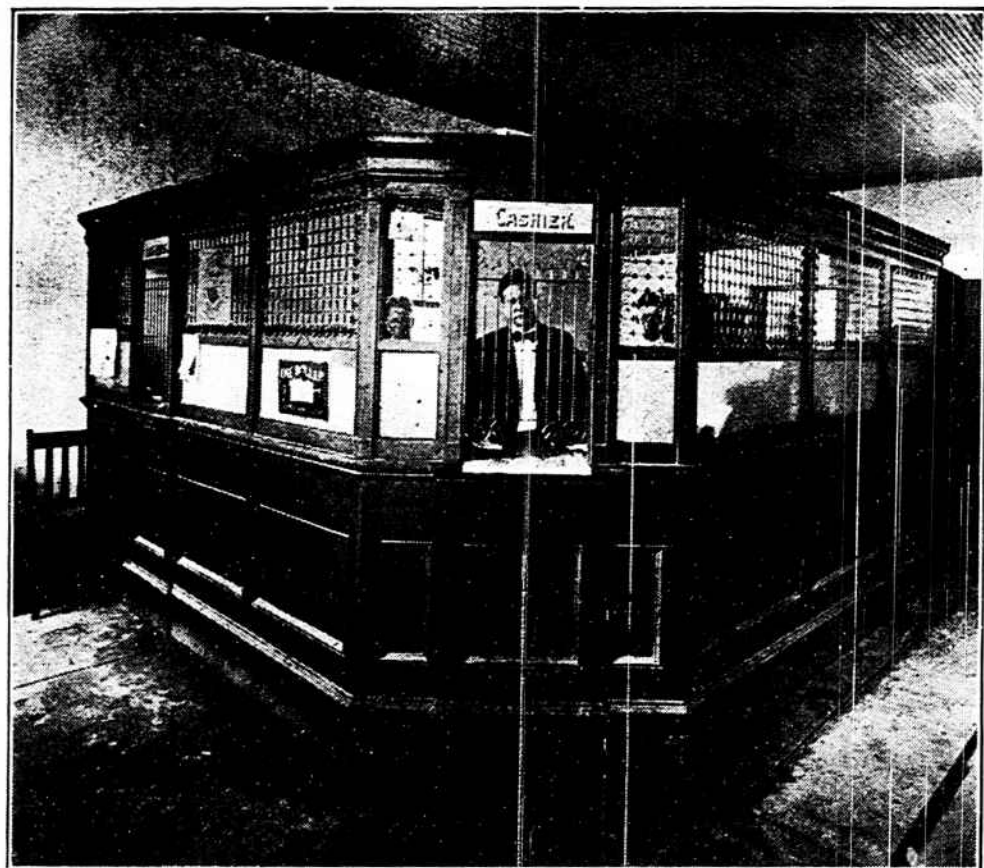
engage in the mercantile business. He is one of the largest farmers in this section, having this year under cultivation 300 acres in cotton, 200 in corn, and 100 in grain. Mr. Kirkland is one of the best farmers in this section. His idea is to plant more grain, not only to build up the land, but in order to feed the nation and our Allies. Mr. Kirkland is a large dealer in cotton, having been one of the leaders to put the Ehrhardt cotton market abreast of any point in the county, or State, for that matter. In this connection, this paper is pleased to give Ehrhardt the credit for having one of the best cotton markets in the State, and much credit is due Mr. Kirkland for his efforts along this line. He is a firm believer in and booster for Ehrhardt's merits, and cheerfully invites



Interior S. W. Copeland's Dry Goods and Grocery Department.

day he has one of the largest businesses in Bamberg county. The cuts here show the two interiors of his store, and the outside. His building is one of the finest in the county and is a credit to Ehrhardt. The stocks carried by Mr. Copeland are the largest in the town and the store is stocked with the finest and best class of goods to be found. Hardware is one of the main lines carried. A complete department is devoted to the sale of this line, and a large showing is made in the line of wagons, buggies, harness, mowing machines,

one of the leading cotton buyers of the county. Mr. Copeland has been a leading factor in bringing the local cotton market up to its present high standing. He is ever working for the betterment of the town and community and has built for himself a monument in the business world that will stand for many a year. He is a tower in the business life of the county and has always been found shouldering his part of the burden to help further the interests of the good old town of Ehrhardt and the county generally.



Interior Farmers and Merchants Bank.



Cotton and Corn Scenes on J. M. Kirkland's Farm.



Interior S. W. Copeland's Hardware Department.



Interior E. P. Copeland's Store.

### E. P. COPELAND.

One of the Nicest and Cleanest Grocery Houses in Ehrhardt.

If you have never traded with E. P. Copeland, then you are the loser, for he has one of the newest and best stocked grocery stores in the county. His place of business is situated in one of the best business houses in Ehrhardt; is clean, neat and sanitary, and is equipped with the latest improved show cases and store machinery for the convenience of his patrons. He carries a complete line of groceries, staple and fancy, soft drinks, tobaccos, fresh and salted meats, fruits and vegetables in season. If it is in town it is to be found at this store. This is a motto laid down by Mr. Copeland and is strictly adhered to. His clerk is

instructed to give courteous treatment to all and special privileges to none. His business has been built up on one method alone, and that is treat every customer alike, and live and let live prices prevail on all articles handled by him. The photograph shown with this article is the interior of this store and gives the reader some idea of the neatness and attractiveness of this store that is being conducted in Ehrhardt by E. P. Copeland. He is deserving of the patronage he is now enjoying and we predict for him a bright future with the methods he is now employing to satisfy his customers.

The present business was established in 1913 and has steadily grown since its conception until today it is easily one of the leaders in town. Native meats only are handled by Mr. Copeland, and you are assured of a choice cut when ordering from him.



Exterior L. M. Hiers & Son.

### L. M. HIERS & SON.

Dealers in General Merchandise. Produce Bought and Sold.

It is with pleasure that we refer our readers to the well conducted general merchandise store of L. M. Hiers & Son at Ehrhardt. This firm is representative of the merchants we have in Bamberg county—ones that are doing their "bit" towards making this county one of the leaders in the State. L. M. Hiers & Son established their business in Ehrhardt July 19, 1916. Since the establishment of this firm they have built up a business that is giving the people what they want at honest prices. Their motto is "we have the goods; we have the prices; we have the ability and we fear no competitor." This is one of the reasons why they are meeting with such splendid success. This firm believes in the old adage

that honesty is the best policy" and strictly adhere to this principle. They are supplying the people with a line of general merchandise, including dry goods, notions, Star Brand shoes, hats, groceries, G. & J. Auto Tires, etc. Their stock is kept clean and fresh and orders are promptly filled and cared for in a manner that can but show the appreciation of the owners. L. M. Hiers & Son are located in the heart of the business section of Ehrhardt and with this, together with their live wide-awake progressive spirit, there is no wonder that they are making a success. They are pushers in business affairs of the city and are alive to public interests and are willing to shoulder their part of the burden in making Ehrhardt grow and become a leader in the county.

Mr. A. J. Hiers, the manager, is a sterling business man who thoroughly understands the mercantile business and this is the reason of his exceptional success.



Exterior Bibbs Heading Mill Co.

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Ehrhardt's Manufacturing Plant Does Much Good for the Community.

This heading factory was established in Ehrhardt several years ago, but was run by local people until April of this year when it was bought by the Massey Manufacturing Co., of Macon, Ga., one of the largest manufacturing concerns in the South. This firm owns four large heading mills, besides numbers of brick and tile plants. The local plant is under the direct supervision of Mr. A. J. Leary, the local manager, and Mr. D. McLead, the superintendent. However, Mr. Massey makes visits to the plant every week in order to get in

personal touch with conditions here in and around this seat of operations. The plant gives employment to over 35 people and has a local payroll of \$5,000.00 per month, and has enough timber already bought to last the mill over three years steady running. They are now shipping two cars weekly, and is sold to Northern markets. This plant means much to the people of this section and should be given every encouragement possible, as manufacturing plants of this kind go to make a town grow, and this plant is playing its part towards this end.

The mill manufactures barrel heads and has a capacity of 3,500 sets per day. Since the Masseys have taken charge, the mill has been put on a firm working basis.



Cotton Growing in Plantation of S. W. Copeland.



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